

Teen Builds Hovercraft

Police Ban 'Flying Saucer'

ST. CLAIR SHORES, Mich. (AP) — When Wilbur and Orville Wright were test flying their first air machines, no one asked them whether they had a license or not.

But for 17-year-old Ron Sietoff, whose homemade hovercraft defies official description, the question has proven trickier than the test flights themselves.

The high school honor student's flights have been con-

finned to his driveway after local law enforcement officials decided that since the craft has no wheels, it is not a car, and although it has been licensed as a boat, boats simply are not "driven" up and down the street.

Powered by a 3½-horsepower lawn mower engine, the craft utilizes a 30-inch blade to create a draft lifting it off the ground. Sietoff steers by adjusting his weight

and for a glorious month, he fascinated children and passing motorists as he rode the "flying saucer" through neighborhood streets.

Finally, he caught the eye of a policeman. "He stopped and looked and shook his head," Sietoff recalls. "And he said 'You just can't drive that on the street.'"

The youth protested and that night, got neighbors to

sign a statement saying they didn't object to his hovercraft.

But his efforts have fallen on deaf ears, even though Sietoff insists police cannot show him a law forbidding "boats" from traveling the streets.

And the secretary of state's office said there presently are no laws requiring licenses for hovercrafts, Sietoff said.

But local police Capt. Leon

Starr, who ordered Sietoff back on his driveway, says whatever it's called, "You just can't mix it with traffic. If it didn't kill the boys it would kill somebody else."

Undaunted, Sietoff thinks he'll be able to get permission from some other law enforcement branch to drive on the streets.

"Driving up and down the driveway gets kind of boring," he said.



WHAT IS IT?: Ron Sietoff, 17, of St. Clair Shores, stands atop his home made hovercraft which local police have forbidden to be used on neighborhood streets because it is unlicensed as a motor vehicle. Police are uncertain what to call it for license classification purposes, but say the craft definitely is not a motor vehicle because it has no wheels. The vehicle is powered by a lawn mower engine driving a propeller which creates a draft that lifts the machine off the ground. (AP Wirephoto)

Big LMC Celebration Looks To Past, Future

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Lake Michigan college, a pioneer in the fast growing field of two-year community colleges, will begin the official observance of its Silver Anniversary Tuesday.

The six-day program will begin with a Film Festival

and campus tours for area high school students Tuesday and run through Sunday.

Highlight feature of the observance will be an Honors Banquet Friday night at which Dr. Peter Muirhead, executive deputy U.S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D.C., will speak. Ear-

ly day students, teachers and trustees will be recognized.

The silver anniversary observance comes as the school is starting its 26th year. The LMC trustees delayed the formal observance until this fall so that those in construction of the new Napier avenue campus buildings would be

completed. The school opened its doors in 1946 under the name of Benton Harbor Junior College.

A citizens committee, headed by Stephen Upton of St. Joseph, has prepared the public celebration activities.

A Film Festival, featuring two famous old Hollywood

movies each day through Friday, will open the celebration Tuesday. Showings of "The Last Hurrah" and "Gold Diggers of 1935", at 3 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, respectively, will be the opening film classics. Campus tours for students from various high schools in the college district also will begin tomorrow.

A professional water thrill show on the campus' 18-acre artificial lake will open a Fun Night program at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Other major features will be tug of war contests across water by freshmen and sophomore teams of college men and women. The night will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display over the lake.

LEHMAN TO SPEAK

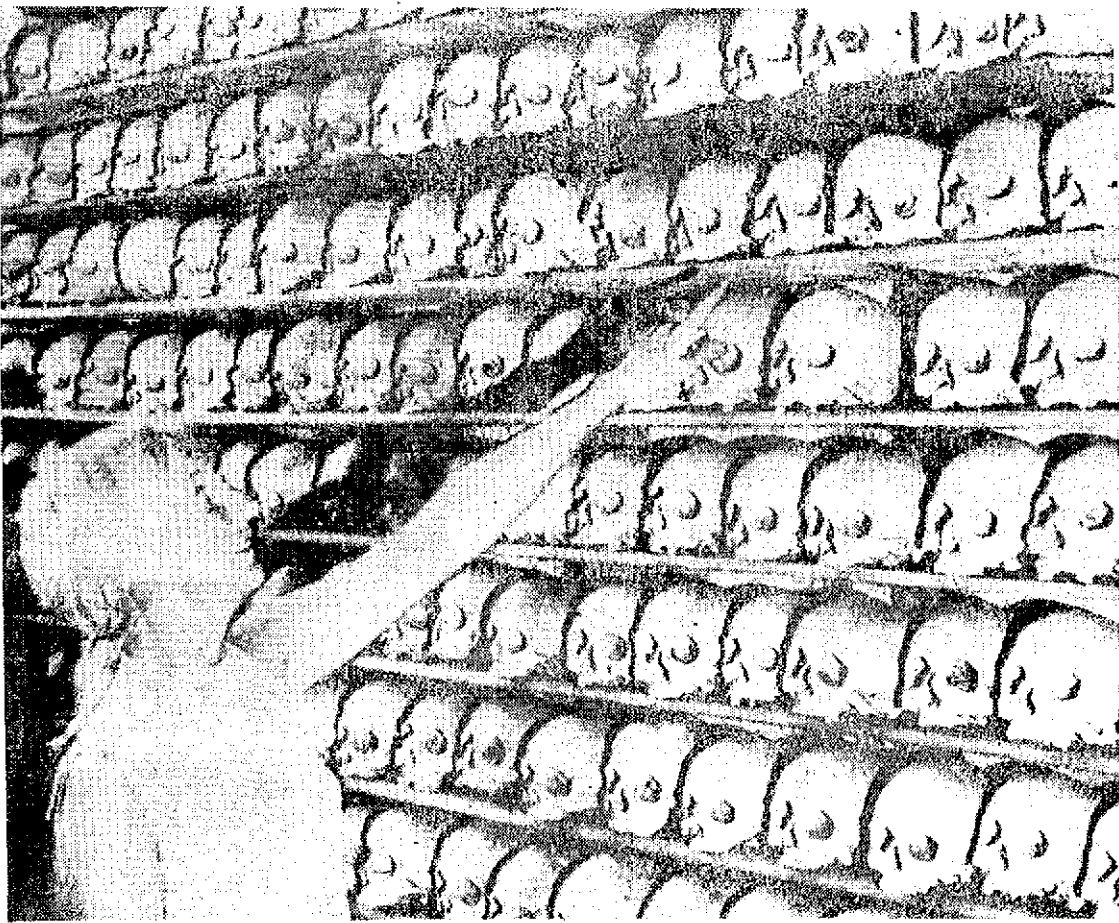
LMC President James Lehman will tell the school's current and future aims at a President's Breakfast for 300 invited guests Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m.

A three-day art show will begin on Friday. Some 40 works of contemporary American artists—many of them Michigan artists—will be displayed in the band room from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, and again from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Honors Banquet Friday evening will begin at 7 o'clock in the student union. Dr. Muirhead, the No. 2 man in education for the federal government, will speak on the meaning of the community college movement in the nation.

A Coffeehouse program, intended chiefly for students, is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m., and will feature a number of contemporary musical bands. A dance will follow in the evening at 9 o'clock.

The Brandon Symphony orchestra of Chicago will close the observance Sunday with a Concert on the Green—outdoors beside the campus lake—at 4 p.m. An open house and guided tours for the public will be staged from 3 to 4 p.m., and again after the concert from 6 to 7 p.m.



COUNTING THE DEAD: Jackie Hudson has the ghoully chore of counting skulls in the crypt of St. Leonard's Church in Hythe, England. There are

an estimated 4,000 heads there left from Roman times. (AP Wirephoto)

Congress, Foreigners Take Aim

Nixon Plan In Meat Grinder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finance ministers abroad and Congress at home are putting President Nixon's new economic program to its first major tests since its dramatic birth

just over a month ago.

The ministers of 10 major trading nations, including Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally, are back in their capitals for more reflection after

meeting last week in London.

They failed to produce an agreement on a firm footing for the world monetary system, sent reeling by the United States' cutting the dollar loose

from gold and slapping a 10 per cent charge on imports. They will try again later this month.

FREEZE WORKING

At home, Congress is starting surgery on Nixon's tax proposals, and the Cost of Living Council reports the wage price freeze is working although the council is discussing with the Justice Department possible legal action in 20 to 25 cases.

Recent indexes of the nation's economic performance are mixed and overall not particularly encouraging, still largely reflecting pre-freeze conditions. Connally shook up his foreign colleagues with a hard-nosed demand: help in achieving a \$12 billion improvement in the U.S. balance of payments.

He would not buy a proposal from other countries for priority discussion of a short list of items, including the price of gold and removal of the surcharge. And with that position set, the meeting broke up. Another is scheduled for Oct. 25. In Washington, the House

Ways and Means Committee today begins the closed-door, rolled-up-sleeves phase of its work on Nixon's tax recommendations. Indications were it will approve the general outline, but with major modifications, including a \$2 billion shift of tax relief from business to low-income individuals.

To keep alive legislation ex-

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One Of Niles Trio Burned In July Dies In Ann Arbor

NILES—One of three members of a Niles family badly burned July 24 in a gas explosion died Saturday, while a drive to raise funds for their hospital bills climbed to \$7,600.

Roy Bick, 58, of 310 South St. Joseph street, Niles, died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday in the burn center in St. Joseph hospital, Ann Arbor.

Officials at the same hospital this morning reported the victim's son, David Bick, 28, remained in critical condition, while the son's wife, Sharon, 25, is in satisfactory condition.

BLAST RIPS HOUSE

The three suffered burns over 60 per cent of their bodies when an explosion ripped through the son's new home in Clay township, Indiana. The three were painting the interior of the house when the explosion occurred.

The plight of the family caught the hearts of residents in the Niles and surrounding area, and a fund-raising was launched Sept. 11 by fellow employees of the injured woman, Mrs. Bick was a waitress at the Holiday Inn at Niles.

Letters from persons sending checks to the fund included a number of heart-warming messages.

A South Bend mother related: "Our daughter was seriously burned 12 years ago. At that time we received help from many sources and vowed to repay some day, in some way, if we could."

Another from a nurse: "As a nurse I have seen a number of cases of severe burns. It's a tragic thing. I hope and pray the family makes it. I wish I could send more but we have had our troubles too, with my husband twice hospitalized with his heart."

Another resident, unemployed since July of 1969 with a heart ailment, mailed a check and noted: "I know how bills pile up."

Clay Township Fire Chief Peter Nemeth said the explosion was apparently caused by a valve off gas line at the back of the house which was severed from the main, probably by workmen burying the debris of construction.

The gas followed the loose dirt to the house and entered through an opening for a sewer line that had not been sealed off.

The explosion occurred, Nemeth said, when Roy Bick lit a match.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000-\$15,000.

Roy Bick was a millwright at a Bendix Corporation, Mishawaka, Ind. He was born Nov. 10, 1912, in Dowagiac and has lived in Niles for 21 years.

He was married July 27, 1940, in Dowagiac, to Loretta

Jean Knight, who survives. Other survivors include three sons, Craig, David and John of Niles; two daughters, Mrs. James Petrucci of Burgettstown, Pa., and Miss Jean Bick at home; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bick of Niles; two brothers, Raymond of Niles and Richard of Buchanan; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Boldt of Niles and Mrs. Dan Drolet of Battle Creek, and five grandchildren.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic church with the Monsignor John Slawey

officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Pieffer funeral home, Niles.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph hospital burn center, Ann Arbor.

The Bick Family Benefit Fund is accepting donations at the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan, Niles National Bank and the First Commercial Savings Bank; or donations may be mailed to the Bick Family Benefit Fund, Box 772, Niles.



SAILS 'ROUND THE WORLD: Quentin Cultra, 32, of Onarga, Ill., is greeted by his fiancée, Judy Cecil of Pewee Valley, Ky., on his arrival at Burnham Harbor Sunday in Chicago. Cultra had just guided his 35-foot trimaran ketch "Quee Quee" into the harbor, completing a 40,000-mile voyage around the world. Trip in the boat he built himself took nearly three years. (AP Wirephoto)

A TALL FISH STORY

Niles Family Finds Coho Really Jumping

MANISTIQUE, Mich. (AP) — Coho Salmon are really jumping in Lake Michigan — right into the arms of at least one fisherman.

Mrs. Ervin Wingard of Niles, told officials at Indian Lake State Park that the family was fishing without success and had started for shore when a 10-pound salmon sailed into her arms.

Amid the excitement, Mrs. Wingard bruised her elbow and knocked off her husband's glasses. The Wingards and their daughter wound up in the boat's bow while the fish flopped in the stern until the humans regain control and brought the obliging fish ashore.

Girl, 14, Begins Wait To Claim \$12,300

NEW YORK (AP) — For 14-year-old Annette Ronella it is how long she has to wait to find out if anyone claims the \$12,300 she found in a brown paper shopping bag.

There is one consoling thought. If the owner claims the bag, he will also have to

explain to police what the 32 caliber revolver and 74 shells were doing in the bag.

Annette was on her way home from church in the Richmond Hill section of Queens Sunday when she noticed two boys in a supermarket parking lot pecking in the bag.

"Don't go there — that's

gangsters' money," they warned. But Annette looked anyway, found three stacks of \$20s and quickly reported her find to police.

Asked why she turned the money in, Annette said: "Well, I'm honest... That's the way I was brought up at home and in church."

THE HERALD-PRESS

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Leaner Rations For The Poor Countries

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, better known simply as the World Bank, convenes for its annual meeting in Washington a week from today.

The priority topic on its agenda is what it can do to close the gap which is ever widening because Uncle Sam is closing his foreign aid purse.

During the Marshall Plan years, immediately following World War II, our country poured assistance to our European allies to restore their war-shattered economies and to lessen the threat of them falling into the Communist orbit. During the peak this aid took 2.75 per cent of our gross national product.

Our foreign aid has dropped radically since then. Last year Congress held it to \$3.1 billion or not quite one-third of one per cent of GNP; and when he announced his wage-price freeze on August 15th, President Nixon slashed 10 per cent from that amount. He said in essence that charity should begin at home.

The program also has changed in form.

The bulk of the Marshall Plan originally went overseas in actual dollars.

Today this aid is extended as a loan even though realism dictates that repayment is more a dream than a probability and almost all of it is in

U.S. goods. The American worker and manufacturer is taking his first and largest cut from the nation's donation. This has its own effect on reducing the aid even further. A dollar doesn't buy in the U.S. what it procures in even the wealthiest foreign land.

To some extent the U.S. inflation finds a companion effect in a poor nation which borrows from the World Bank. Everyone, the Red Chinese included, suffers from the inflation itch these days.

The poor nations, notably those in Africa, South America and Southern Asia, are wider scale versions of the Negro ghetto in many U.S. cities.

The population is rising, education and vocational training are sparse, agricultural output relative to food requirements is stagnant, and job availabilities are slight.

The quickest, though not necessarily a best long term, path of out that thick is industrializing the backward areas.

This can only be reached by capital investment.

Private enterprise could not justify stepping into that marginal situation.

This leaves an outside government of a governmental agency such as the World Bank as the only resource.

WB is limited to what it can extend in that regard.

It obtains three-quarters of its funds through bond sales, mainly to its member nations' treasuries, and the balance from member contributions. Uncle Sam has shaved his share of the latter source to \$100 million a year.

Since most of the members wait first to see what Washington will pledge and then commit themselves on a percentage formula, it is readily apparent that World Bank itself is not too distant from the broad line.

The discussions starting on the 27th undoubtedly will concentrate on how to pry the U.S. away from its austerity position.

World Bank's customers are prime targets for the Communies or if not the import-breed from Moscow or Peking, then home grown varieties such as Castro and the late Gamal Nasser.

Robert S. McNamara, the Bank's president, months ago noted that in facing this condition the Bank must throw normal financial appraising out the window.

The first known system for delivering water to cities was built by the Phoenicians. The Greeks copied the system of digging tunnels to bring water to their cities, and the Romans developed it with aqueducts 50 to 100 feet high that brought water to Rome from more than 15 miles away, the National Geographic Society says.

More pamphlets were printed in Germany between 1522 and 1526 than in any other four years of her history, and most of them dealt with religious themes, points out the National Geographic Society's book, "The Renaissance."

Puerto Rico's Popularity Poll

Judging by the size and tumultuous enthusiasm generated by Puerto Rican independentistas at their rally, which coincided with the national governors' conference held on the island, the idea of independence is popularly held among Puerto Ricans.

There are better ways of registering popular sentiment, however, and one of them is a national plebiscite. The last popular vote on the issue was held in 1967, and at that time more than 60 percent favored retaining the island's commonwealth status, 38 percent were for statehood and less than one percent voted for total independence.

In the four years since that vote popular sentiment may have shifted somewhat, particularly under the onslaught of the revolutionaries who have become particularly active in recent years. But it is extremely doubtful a majority of Puerto Ricans wants independence.

The reason is simple. At the head of the cadre of separatists are a number of pro-independence communists trained in Cuba. It is no coincidence that their campaign has become increasingly violent, with 150 recorded bombings and arson attacks against U.S. owned businesses since 1967.

In the course of the 1972 elections, Puerto Ricans again will have the opportunity to vote on the issue. It will be interesting to see if the separatists are able to generate as much enthusiasm for their cause at the ballot box as they could at a staged rally.

Charter Of Liberty

In celebrating the formal adoption of the Constitution of the United States, which took place Sept. 17, 1787, emphasis in recent years has been on showing that the great document was hammered out of the sacrifices of the common people.

Although it was formally drawn by delegates to the constitutional convention, it was written on a thousand battlefields as liberty-loving men through the ages fought off tyrants.

Every guaranty in the Constitution was paid for by men who risked and suffered death in a long struggle. The Constitution converted into law the

freedom thus dearly bought. The anniversary of the adoption is a fitting time to read again, and to ponder long and thoughtfully, the Preamble of the Constitution, which is as follows:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

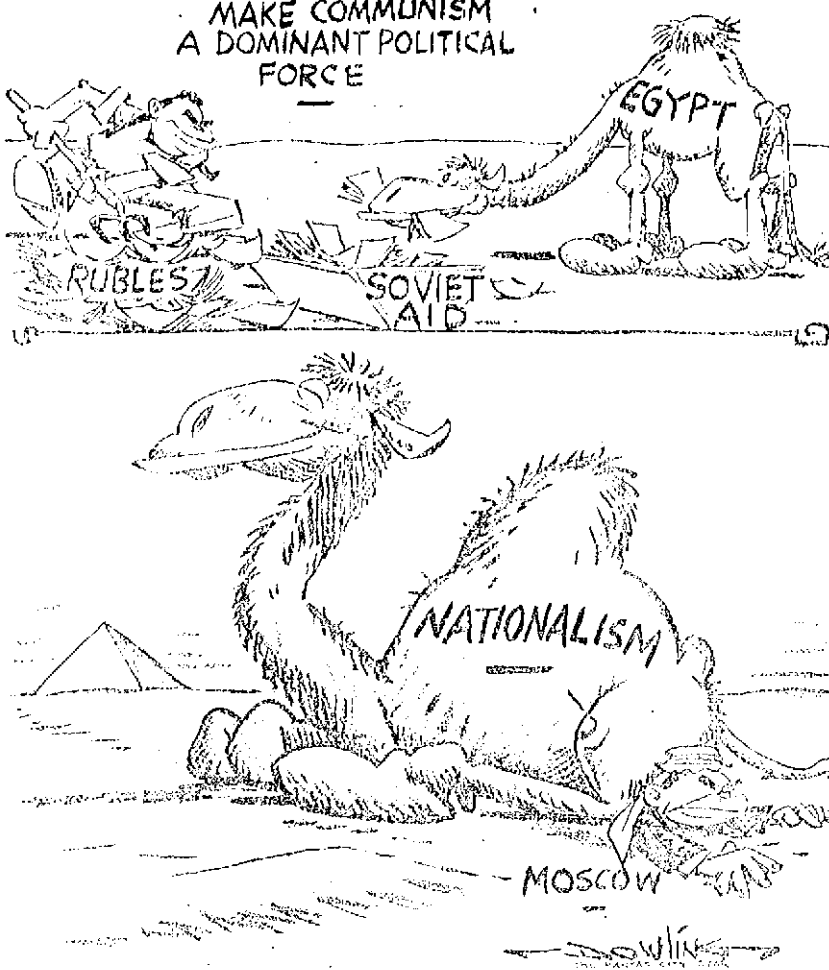
In the light of long experience, it is well to note that the founding fathers looked far ahead. They said in the preamble that they were resolved to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

How well they wrought is for posterity to judge. And the judgment of posterity is that they did succeed in finding the best formula for organized government.

Roman aqueducts carried water primarily to fountains, baths, and public buildings, but the water was piped directly into the homes of some wealthy citizens, the National Geographic Society says. Not until 1236 was water piped into London from outside sources, and few private homes in the British capital had water pipes before the 18th century.

The Camel Driver

MAKE COMMUNISM
A DOMINANT POLITICAL
FORCE



GLANCING BACKWARDS

COUNTY PARK PROPOSED

The Berrien county building authority, landlord of the courthouse and grounds in St. Joseph, voted to ask the county parks and recreation commission to consider taking over riverfront land beside the courthouse for a county park. Referred to the parks and recreation commission was a 67-acre parcel north of the courthouse bluff and stretching from Wayne street bridge

to Blossomland bridge along earth with the brightness of the St. Joseph river.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON Ever since defense spending became such an important part of the U.S. economy, congressmen and senators have fallen over each other trying to be the first to announce new defense contracts for their home states.

All that made political sense.

If Senator X announced that the Air Force had contracted a firm in his state to build \$20 million worth of airplanes, the voter back home identified him with new economic prosperity in the state.

Today, however, spending for defense is under attack in many quarters. Accordingly, some intellectually honest foes of defense spending on Capitol Hill refuse to announce new defense contracts in their home states.

Sen. Edward Brooke, R-Mass., for example, declined recently to announce two missile systems contracts for a Massachusetts firm totaling more than \$10 million.

He could not condemn excessive defense spending on one day, he told a reporter, and on another had a \$10 million missile system just because it meant jobs for people in Massachusetts.

But not all anti-war liberals have the moral conscience of Ed Brooke.

Rep. Robert Drinan, D-Mass., the radical Jesuit priest and spokesman for anti-war causes, recently flooded Massachusetts newspapers with press releases announcing the \$10 million missile contract. Obviously, remaining in Congress is more important to Drinan than stopping the military-industrial complex.

Millions of Americans are tightening their belts for the Nixon administration's wage-price freeze, but not so welfare recipients.

The Cost of Living Council says that people on welfare will be entitled to any increases they may be offered during the wage freeze.

It's all very logical. Welfare payments are not given "for services rendered."

The leading Democratic presidential contenders have more or less conceded New Hampshire to Edmund Muskie.

DOG'S WHINE ONLY WARNING

Whining of his German short-haired pointer, "Fritz," was the only warning the John Taylor family had Sunday morning that another chunk of their front yard was being devoured by Lake Michigan.

Taylor, who lives about a quarter mile south of Hilltop road just a 12 by a foot tool shed but managed to rescue the dog and a lawn mower.

AURORA BOREALIS STAGES SHOW

Thousands of Berrien residents thrilled last night to one of Mother Nature's most awesome aerial shows — a brilliant cascade of aurora borealis exceeding any remembered by veteran observers.

From twilight to nearly midnight the record display of northern lights danced across the cloudless skies in varying hues of green, orange, red and purple, frequently lighting the

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Where is the Rhyber Pass?
2. Which is the Magnolia State?
3. Who made the first solo trans-Atlantic flight?
4. What is the monetary unit of Italy?
5. Who pitched a perfect game in the 1961 World Series?

YOUR FUTURE

Your outlook is excellent especially if you concentrate on your business. Today's child will be a fighter — one who will never give in.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

MARSUPIAL, near-SUB-p), noun; any of the Marsupials, the order which includes all of the vicarinas, but non-placental, mammals, such as opossums, kangaroos, wombats, etc.

BORN TODAY

Once in a great while a book comes along that changes history. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Mein Kampf" — or at least changes some conditions in a land that need changing.

Such a book was "The Jungle." Its author was Upton Sinclair.

The book concerned the life of a worker in the Chicago stock yards and its graphic descriptions and indignation led President Theodore Roosevelt to investigate the meat-packing industry. This investigation led to the passage of the first federal pure food laws.

Sinclair was born in Baltimore.

NEW ELDER — 10 Years Ago —

Elder Mark Gross of Fort Wayne, Ind., is in Buchanan to take charge of the Latter Day Saints church during the absence of Elder J. W. McKnight, who leaves for Battle Creek for two months.

CLOSE HOME — 32 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Clark have closed their summer home on the Lake Shore drive and with their family have returned to Chicago.

NEW AUTO — 40 Years Ago —

W. G. Tennant of Chicago, is in the city for a few days, demonstrating the new Peerless auto.

CHANGE HOURS — 64 Years Ago —

Postmaster Brooks expects to change the closing hours of the postoffice from 8 to 7:30 o'clock. He is awaiting permission from Washington.

DR. COLEMAN

... And Speaking Of Your Health

CAN YOU tell me all the information that is available about intrauterine devices for prevention of pregnancy?

Mrs. N. P. R. L.

Dear Mrs. P. L.: The amount of literature on this subject would fill encyclopedias. Hundreds of scientific articles are published each year about newer and safer things to be introduced into the uterus as a contraceptive.

Some are made of metal. Others are a wide variety of plastics. All are made in many different shapes and forms.

Specialists in disorders of women carefully choose the patients to whom they prescribe this method of contraception.

I am certain that you can get pamphlets on the subject from your local Board of Health and from a Branch of Planned Parenthood.

Will two marjins before meals every day affect anyone with arthritis?

Mr. E. L. J. Pa.

Dear Mr. J. I hope you eat only three times a day! Even at that rate six marjins has never been recommended in the scientific literature for the control or cure of any form of arthritis. Knowing the amount of alcohol in so many drinks the only possible advantage would be that it would numb or disguise the pain if it does exist.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ J 5
 ♥ Q J 5 2
 ♦ Q 9 7 5
 ♣ 7 6 5

WEST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ 9 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 8 4 2
 ♣ A Q 8

EAST
 ♠ A 3 2
 ♥ A 10 8 4
 ♦ K 10 6 3
 ♣ 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q J 8 5
 ♥ K J
 ♦ K J 10 9 4
 ♣ K

The bidding:

North East South West
 Pass Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠
 Pass 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♥
 Pass Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠

Opening lead three of hearts.

This deal occurred in the U.S.-Argentina match in 1958. I was South and bid one spade, though I had a practically sure game in my own hand.

After Lerner doubled and Blousson responded two hearts, I bid one spade, confident that in a hand where I was missing 12 hearts and 13 diamonds, someone would bid again.

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May I suggest that you stay with more orthodox forms of treatment suggested by your doctors.

For all other sufferers of chronic forms of arthritis I want to repeat a warning issued by the American Medical Association about innumerable forms of quackery with promises of cure.

More than a half billion dollars are extracted from the sick, anxious and confused by the quacks who exploit them.

It is true that much is still unknown about many forms of arthritis. Patients have a right to be distressed, but must not be tempted to fall into the trap of those who will take their savings with a promise of a cure.

What position do doctors take about dental X-rays early in pregnancy? I had some X-rays taken before I was aware of my pregnancy and now I am very worried about the possible consequences.

Mrs. R. A. C. Mass.
 Dear Mrs. C.: You can be sure that the small exposure to dental X-rays did you no harm. It would do you a psychological injustice if this relatively innocuous experience were to cheat you of the joys implicit in a healthy pregnancy.

You will benefit from the added assurance that both your doctor and your dentist will give to you.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

So I jumped to four spades, which Blousson doubled.

The defense began in a fashion very distressing to me. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned the three of clubs. West took my jack with the queen and cashed the ace, East contributing the two. I sat there quietly grilling my teeth, waiting for West to give his partner a club ruff and demolish the best hand I had seen all week.

But Lerner decided to try to cash the ace of diamonds first, and I was thus able to ruff, draw trumps and make four spades doubled.

The bidding and play were entirely different at the other table. There Castro opened two spades and jumped to four spades over Cabanne's response of two notrump. Stone (West) led a trump and declarer was in a position to claim the contract.

But instead he won in his hand and crossed to the jack of spades. Then, attempting to steal a trick, he led a heart from dummy, whereupon Roth climbed up with the ace and returned the three of clubs.

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Alleged \$1,200 Sale Of '71 Car Results In Arrest

Sale of a 1971 automobile for \$1,200 resulted in an investigation by state police and the FBI that led to the arrest Sunday of a Benton Harbor woman on a charge of interstate transportation of a

stolen vehicle. State police of the Benton Harbor post reported that the investigation began two weeks ago when a Benton Harbor man asked for a check on a car he had purchased. The man said he had agreed to pay \$1,200 and had made a down payment on the auto, a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Cpl. Jerry Hyland reported a check of the car with Alabama license plates was made through the National Communication Information Computer (NCIC). The net work responded that the FBI

in Birmingham, Ala., described the car as stolen.

State police and Special Agent Kevin Illia of the Benton Harbor FBI office last night arrested Mrs. Reba Mae Hallom, 32, who gave an address of 1060 Milton street, Benton Harbor, on a federal fugitive warrant alleging interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle.

Police said there was no indication if the unnamed buyer would recover money he paid for the car as that is a civil matter for a court to decide.

Driver Training To Begin

Adult driver training will start Monday, Sept. 27, at Benton Harbor high school, according to H. J. (Ted) Osborne, head of the driver education department.

The fee is \$45 for 25 hours of instruction which includes training on the driver simulator, range and highway driving and class work. Enrollment can be made at the first session Monday at 7 p.m. or by calling the driver education department at the high school. Classes normally will meet Monday and Wednesday, but instructors will work out other times for students unable to attend those days.

Service Officer Schedules Visit To Twin Cities

Orland J. Brown, service officer for Michigan Department of Airmail, will be at the St. Joseph branch of Michigan Employment Security commission, Tuesday to answer questions on veterans benefits. The free service is available to all veterans, their widows or dependents. Brown's hours are 2-5 p.m. at the MESC office, 800 Port street.

Lake Gives Up Body Of Young College Teacher

The body of Keith A. Hannah, 28, an Andrews university instructor who drowned Sept. 11 after jumping off St. Joseph's north pier to rescue his dog, was recovered Saturday morning in Lake Michigan, about a mile offshore and two miles south of the piers.

Berrien Sheriff's Lt. William Bielman said a body was seen floating in about 50 feet of water by an unidentified fisherman, who contacted Coast Guard officials at the St. Joseph station. The recovery was made about 8:30 a.m.

St. Joseph police reported that Mr. Hannah drowned after jumping off the river side of the north pier to rescue his dog which has leaped into the water. The dog swam back to the pier safely.

OUTSTANDING
Mr. Hannah taught business

administration at Andrews university, Berrien Springs, and also was working on a doctorate degree in economics from Ohio State university. He was listed in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Lt. Bielman said identification of the body was made by Andrews university officials.

Mr. Hannah resided at 104 North George street, Berrien Springs, with his wife, Pamela Jean; their two children, Keith Jr., 3; and daughter, Keely, 1; and Hannah's sister, Susan Elaine Hannah, 17, a student at Andrews academy.

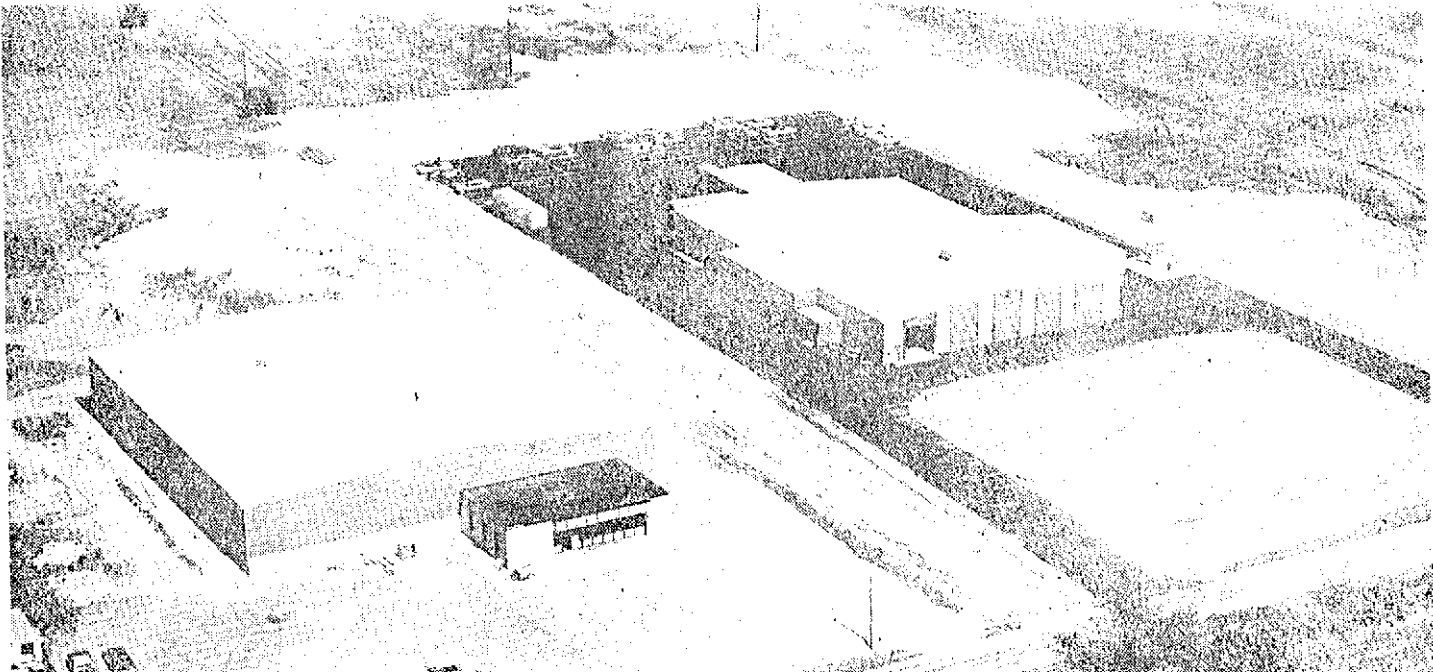
Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hannah, Cygnel, Ohio; two brothers, Dean, 15, and Spencer, 14; and a sister, Dawn, 15, all residing with his parents; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Payne, Bridgeport, W. Va.; and paternal grandmother, Mrs. June Summers, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mr. Hannah was born Jan. 22, 1943, in Denver, Colo., the son of Sylvester and Ruth Payne Hannah.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Pioneer Memorial Church of Andrews university. Elder G. W. Renton, pastor of the Benton Harbor Seventh-day Adventist church, Benton Harbor, will officiate, assisted by Dr. Richard L. Hammill, President of Andrews university. Also assisting will be Elder John A. Krenke, Professor Gerald G. Herdman, Dr. Harold R. Phillips and Dr. Robert E. Firth. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery, Berrien Springs.

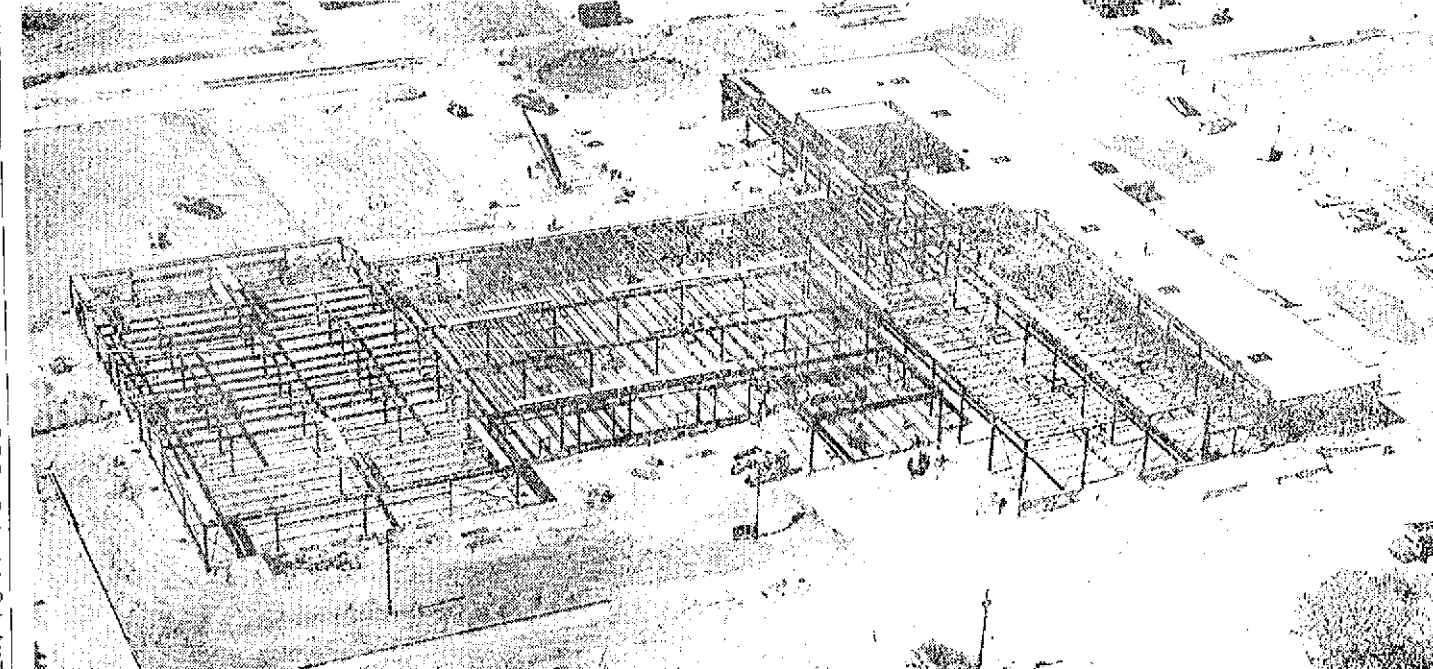
Friends may call at the Paul E. Mayhew funeral home, Berrien Springs from 6 until 9 this evening.

Memorials may be made to the Keith Hannah student Memorial fund, Andrews University.



PIPESTONE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTS: Construction of three industrial buildings in the 520-acre Pipestone Industrial district in Benton township this year is beginning to change the appearance of once raw, vacant land. New building on right is distribution center of United Parcel Service. Opened this summer already, the \$200,000-plus structure was built by Tri-Cities Construction Co., Grand Rapids. Construction of building on left, a project of Twin Cities Area Development Corp., is in final

stages of completion. The 28,000 square foot pre-engineered steel building will include 3,000 square feet of office space. It is being built on speculation and will be sold or leased to industrial occupants by its developers. It is a venture of Pearson Construction Co., Benton Harbor; Twin Cities Development Corp., and Star Manufacturing Co. of Oklahoma City, Okla. (Aerial photos by Adolph Hamm)



I & M CONSTRUCTION: Construction of Indiana & Michigan Electric company's 76,000 square-foot centralized distribution and service center in Pipestone Industrial district is moving along at a steady pace. Cost of the facility being built by Holland Construction Co., St. Joseph, is estimated at \$2.2-million, not counting

ing equipment. The building will house the utility's distribution, substation, meter, transportation and stores departments. It's completion will make fourth industrial structure in the Pipestone district. First plant, Ferguson Welding Supply Co., has been in use more than a year.

COLOMA PROJECT

Ambulance Fund Drive Successful

COLOMA — A public fund drive launched in April by the Coloma Emergency Ambulance service to finance the all-volunteer operation has collected \$8,376.25.

Larry Williamson, secretary-treasurer of the non-profit corporation, said donations over the \$5,000 needed for the next two years of operation will be used to make capital improvements.

"This year, we have placed a new roof on the ambulance garage, and we are just completing the installation of a new 8 by 16 foot fiberglass garage door," Williamson said.

Williamson said this year's drive, although not officially over topped all previous fund drives held in 1967, and 1969. In 1969, some \$5,861.06 was collected in the public fund drive. The drives are held every other year.

"Barring unforeseen emergencies," added Williamson, "we should be able to operate the service with the money on hand until our next fund drive in April, 1973."

Big Band Sound Takes Dancers Back In Time

The lights dimmed, the strains of "Moonlight Serenade" swept through the ballroom and suddenly Viet Nam, prison, riot

and inflation were forgotten.

It wasn't 1971 anymore. It

was 1942, and all around the

dance floor, were silhouettes of

couple dancing the jitterbug.

Great Life Magazine covers of

President Roosevelt, General

MacArthur and the young Frank

Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and

Gene Rogers, and faded sheet

music of the songs that Amer-

ica sang as its young men

marched off to fight World War

II.

The scene was Shadowland

ballroom, St. Joseph, Saturday

night as famed great band

DeFranco and the Glenn Miller

Orchestra played before nearly

600 wildly enthusiastic dancers

of all ages at a United Commu-

nity Fund benefit dance.

It was the original Miller

sound, led by a musician ac-

claimed throughout the world as

its premier clarinetist. For

four hours it was "String of

Pearls," "Peppermint," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Frenesi"

and all the other Miller clas-

ics, along with some upstart new

numbers featuring the driving

sound of saxophonist Bob Cree

and the vocal stylings of Joe

Liber.

DeFranco and the Miller

group had played at a success-

ful UCF dance a year earlier at

Shadowland, but this time the

reception was even greater.

Part of the reason, DeFranco

said during an intermission,

was the renaissance of "big

band" music around the world.

On Friday night, the Miller

orchestra had played at Chicago's

Aragon ballroom, which is

reviving its former big band

policies. After the Twin Cities

dance on Saturday, it was on to

Grand Rapids, and then the

provided by R. W. Endang

Landscaping, Inc., Stevensville,

Today, it's back to work for

United Food volunteers as the

campaign for a goal of \$594,297

moves into a second week. On

Thursday at noon, UCF volun-

teers will be the guests of Wm

Schuler's restaurant, Stevens-

ville, for the campaign's first

report. A highlight of the day

will be a comedy skit based on

this year's United Food football

"Super Bowl" theme.

Last Friday, Health Co. em-

cluded a five-day UCF cam-

aign and won a United Food

Good Neighbor Award as 761

Health employees placed \$16,777

in an average UCF slot. Upon

the three volunteer contributions

in the dance, the sound system

man at Health, assisted by Odell

was supplied by Howard Hi-Fi,

Richardson, Harold Ewald, and

St. Joseph, and landscaping was

"Skip" Geyer.

Action Due Tonight On 21 Students

Benton Harbor board of education is slated to act tonight on a recommendation that 21 expelled students be permitted to enroll at the district's Center for Continuing Education. The 21, expelled after a riot Jan. 15 at senior high, were given earlier options of attending summer and night school.

The proposal for enrollment at the Center for Continuing Education was made last week by David Hetherbach, high school principal. The center, new to the district this year, is for students who have difficulty adjusting to the regular school program.

The board will meet in special session at 7:30 in Bierman library, east high.

Road Toll Reaches 16 Over State

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two women, killed when their cars collided head-on in Kalamazoo County, have boosted Michigan's weekend traffic death toll to at least 15.

Nancy Yates, 62, of Muskegon, and 45-year-old Angie Lee Cole of Holland, died Sunday in a crash at the intersection of Michigan 88 and 42nd Street. The women were passengers in separate cars.

The Associated Press records weekend traffic deaths from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Sunday.



MILLER BAND PLAYS FOR UCF: Clarinet star Buddy DeFranco, director of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, takes an intermission break with Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Ward (left) and Mr. and Mrs. John Smart.

during Saturday's United Community Fund benefit dance at Shadowland ballroom, St. Joseph. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Smart were co-chairmen of the event, which drew nearly 600 persons. (Staff Photo)

High Taxes Bring State Aid

Revenue Sharing Based Upon Self-Help

By LARRY KURTZ
Associated Press Writer
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A portion of Michigan's newly enacted revenue sharing formula is based on the concept that the state helps those who help themselves.

Translated, it means the tax rate of a city, village or township is supposed to reflect its need for money. Thus, those which tax most heavily get the greatest help. Up to now, the formula for distribution of unrestricted state revenue from the sales, income and intangibles taxes has been simple: a straight per capita distribution. Last fiscal year, each community

got an estimated \$15.65 per resident. From now on, the per capita distribution will be combined with a measure of tax effort exerted to support municipal purposes. Next July, unless there is a change, taxes for school support also will enter the formula.

The change in formula reflects the plight of cities which have been losing population as costs and turmoil rise. Continuation of the per capita formula would mean a relative loss in revenue for them.

Last year, the state beefed up Detroit and Hamtramck distributions with special

grants. Under the new plan adopted by the legislature on the closing day of its summer session, the 1971-72 distribution will work this way:

Based on figures from the budget research section of the governor's office, each unit will get an estimated \$14.66 per capita from the sales tax and part of the intangibles tax. The remainder of its unrestricted aid will be based on how its local effort stacks up against the statewide average.

Detroit will wind up with an estimated \$32.03 per person, tops in the state. That's figured on the basis of \$14.66

plus \$5.93 multiplied by tax effort. Detroit's tax rate is listed as being nearly three times the state average. Multiplying \$5.93 by the Detroit tax effort of 2.93 gives Detroit \$17.37 to add to the \$14.66 per capita figure.

No unit will get less than \$16.50 per capita, no matter how poorly its tax rate stacks up against the average. The legislature tossed in \$2.2 million to guarantee this level.

Most townships will wind up getting less under the new formula than the old, but most cities will be getting more—particularly those that have an income tax as well as a heavy property tax for municipal purposes.

The aim, of course, was to help urban areas.

The legislature pumped in more than \$23 million of "new money" for the program, in contrast to the \$50 million boost sought by the Michigan Municipal League.

Milliken, who originally proposed the tax effort formula, had called for only \$7.6 million new money. That would have been merely to set a floor for the benefit of points with taxes below average.

Most of the "new money" comes from a portion of the intangibles tax which previously went to the general fund.

In all, the unrestricted distribution from sales, income and intangibles taxes this fiscal year will come to an estimated \$226 million. That includes a distribution to counties of some \$40 million. Restricted funds earmarked for such purposes as schools, totaled more than \$600 million this past fiscal year.

Milliken's proposed formula remains largely intact.

One amendment requires that special assessments, such as for roads and sewers, be included. This will cause headaches, because the data on those assessments will have to be collected and

figured into the formula. Nobody seems to know what the exact impact will be.

In any case, it will not have the impact of another amendment scheduled to take effect next July.

That would allow communities to figure not only their tax effort for municipal purposes, but also their property taxes for schools.

The result would be to readjust the distribution next fiscal year, siphoning some money away from cities to those areas which have higher school-tax levies.

That provision is likely to stir a big battle the next time revenue sharing comes up in the legislature.

House Speaker William Ryan says more money will have to be poured into the bill next year to keep the cities from suffering—or the school taxes will have to be given only partial credit.

He favors a statewide vote next April on reducing property taxes for schools. That way, they would not be such a factor in the revenue sharing formula.

"We can't tolerate 100 per cent credit for school taxes," Ryan said. "And I don't think the legislature is going to stand by and let the cities blow up."

Citizens Given Goal, Challenge By Ecologists

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Environmentalists from four states bordering Lake Michigan presented citizens a goal and a challenge during a public meet-

ing Saturday at Lakeshore high school, Stevensville.

Their goal: Force Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. to incorporate additional safeguards, including water cooling equip-

ment, at the utility's giant Donald C. Cook nuclear electric generating plant near Bridge-

The challenge: Citizens locally should activate themselves to join in a growing nationwide movement aimed at eliminating pollution and production methods that might adversely affect ecology.

The Cook Nuclear generating plant, now under construction is scheduled to provide a tremendous output of 2,200,000 kilowatts. Its cost estimate is \$440 million. The first 1,100,000 kilowatt reactor is expected to be activated in March, 1973, with the second reactor of equal capacity expected to begin operations the following year.

The meeting Saturday was sponsored by Lake Michigan Federation, a coalition of environmental groups and individuals from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; and by United for Survival, an environmental organization operating in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area. Attendance for the meeting was estimated at 400, including Republican State Rep. Harry Gast, Jr.

Also attending were Jack Dyer, an official of Consumers Power Co., builder of the smaller Palisades nuclear generating plant in Covert township, Van Buren county; and Jack Druckenmiller, I & M public relations director at the Cook plant. Druckenmiller said his appearance was simply because I & M is interested in events regarding the Cook plant.

Berrien, Cass Crashes Kill 2 Young Women

A young Niles housewife and a Dowagiac high school senior girl died as the result of separate single-car auto crashes in southwestern Michigan over the weekend.

The housewife was killed in a crash in Niles township Saturday night, boosting Berrien county's traffic death toll for the year to 38.

The Dowagiac girl died Saturday afternoon in a crash within a mile of her rural Dowagiac home. She was the 20th person to die this year on Cass County roads.

Dead were Mrs. Elsie Eull, 20, of 2428 South 14th street, Niles, and Miss Sharon Lee Kidd, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kidd, route 4, Champlain road, Dowagiac.

Niles township police said Mrs. Eull died in Pawating hospital about 15 minutes after being taken to the emergency room from the accident scene. Miss Kidd was pronounced dead on arrival at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac.

According to Niles township officers Mrs. Eull was a passenger in a car driven by her husband Terry Eugene Eull, 22, when the car left South 14th street, slammed into several trees and then wedged between two of them. The doors had to be pried open, officers said, so that the occupants could be removed.

Eull received a broken right ankle and leg cuts. He was reported in good condition today in Pawating hospital.

Cass county sheriff's deputies said Miss Kidd was alone in her car about 1:30 p.m. Saturday when it went off Peavine street near M-40, traveled 100 feet and hit a stump and nearby tree.

According to friends of the family, Miss Kidd was enroute home from Lau-An's store in Dowagiac where she worked part-time. They said she was taking a kitten which had strayed into the store with her.

No cause for the accident was determined.

Miss Kidd was a member of the Girls Athletic association in school and had just begun her final year of high school with the opening of the school year.

TEXAS FUNERAL

Mrs. Eull was born Oct. 1, 1951, in San Antonio, Tex., where she lived until coming to Niles five weeks ago.

She was married April 17 to Terry Eull, who survives. Also surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Huron of San Antonio and 12 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning in Mission San Francisco, San Antonio, at the Brookhill funeral chapel. Local arrangements were by Puffer funeral home, Niles.

FUNERAL TUESDAY

Miss Kidd was born Nov. 19, 1953, in South Bend.

Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Wayne and Daniel and a sister Susan, all at home; her grandparents, Mrs. Olive Kidd of Dowagiac and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McClanahan of South Bend and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Dorina Mills of South Bend.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Groner-Lyon funeral home, Dowagiac. Rev. Duane Kidd, of Detroit, an uncle, will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Area wineries step into the spotlight this week during Paw Paw's four-day grape and wine festival which begins Thursday.

Between 5,000 and 10,000 persons are expected during the festivities.

The festival, sponsored and coordinated by Paw Paw Jaycees, will feature carnival rides, a parade, a water ball tournament between area five departments, a dance, a "hobo campout" at the conservation club grounds, an art display, and the annual turtle derby.

In addition, civic groups from Lawrence and Hartford plus groups from Paw Paw, will be operating concession

stands for the four-day fete.

Most of the carnival rides will be set up by Thursday night, according to Jaycee spokesmen. Sidewalk sales bargains also begin Thursday.

WINERY TOURS

Tours at the St. Julian, Michigan and Frontenac wineries begin at 8 a.m., end at 5 p.m. and will be conducted through Sunday.

On Friday, the annual grape stomping contest begins at 6:30 p.m., and, according to Jaycee sponsors, those with the fastest-moving legs and biggest feet usually take the prizes.

Saturday events include the parade which begins at 1 p.m.; the waterball tournament at 3:30; and the dance, at the Lake Brownwood Pavilion at 9 p.m.

The two-day art display also begins Saturday morning. The turtle derby, where youngsters race turtles in competition for bikes, begins at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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equipment, would add \$56 million to the construction cost of the plant, along with \$6 million more per year in operating costs. I & M contends that this means an average of \$42 annually to be paid by the utility's 358,000 customers.

During the earlier public hearings conducted on various phases of Cook plant construction, I & M officials maintained that the warmer water re-entering the lake after use in the operating system, would not adversely affect the ecology of the lake.

The smaller 710,000 kilowatt Palisades plant, is completed but has been held up from generating by Atomic Energy commission hearings that began in June, 1970. A test license was granted last March, when Consumers Power Co. agreed to construct cooling towers. The company has since indicated it may cancel the cooling towers until federal authorities determine if the \$120 million generating plant poses a threat to the ecology of the lake.

Mrs. Botts said, "We're not against nuclear power. We need electricity. But, electricity does not have to be produced at the expense of the environment."

Over the weekend, another news outlet quoted Mrs. Botts as saying that residents of this area "must not be getting the real word" with reference to lack of local action against the I & M plant. "She charged that 'only one side of the story' has been told, because the publisher of the Benton Harbor newspaper is the brother of a high I & M official." Mrs. Botts apparently meant to refer to the fact that W. J. Banyon, publisher of the Benton Harbor News-Palladium and St. Joseph Herald-Press, is a cousin of John Banyon, Benton Harbor division manager of I & M.

Mrs. Botts did, however, say that coverage of two earlier hearings on the Cook nuclear plant by the Corps of Engineers had been reported completely and accurately by the local press.

A report from the U.S. surgeon general advising housewives to use phosphate detergents brought responses of "misleading statements" and "Americans are being hoodwinked" from an environmentalist from Chicago.

Mrs. Lee Botts, executive secretary of the Chicago-based Lake Michigan Federation, denounced the federal government's newest findings that phosphate detergents are less dangerous to the family than the formerly advocated non-phosphate substitutes.

Mrs. Botts aired her opinion before the start of a public meeting Saturday at Lakeshore high school. The meeting, dealing with Lake Michigan pollution problems and alleged threats of nearly a dozen nuclear plants in operation or being constructed around the shores, was sponsored by the federation and United for Survival, a Benton Harbor-St. Joseph environmental group.

The federal government earlier sought a phosphate ban. The reason was that phosphates find their way into lakes and streams and destroy the aquatic environment by eliminating oxygen from the water.

Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld, last week did not argue this point. However, his report stated that the non-phosphate substitutes contain caustic substances that can endanger members of the family, especially children, who might come in contact with the laundry soap.

Mrs. Botts maintained that there is a federal report that provides evidence that non-phosphate substitute cleaners



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Allegan Fair Reports 205,000 Attendance

ALLEGAN, Mich. (AP) — Its 119th season completed, the Allegan County Fair has claimed a new attendance record.

Weldon Rumery, the fair's manager, reported 205,000 persons attended the fair this year. Rumery said the figure was a 25 per cent increase over the 1970 attendance. The fair closed Saturday.

Hoosier Jailed

NILES — Roy Hellingstine, 54, of South Bend was taken into custody by state troopers early today and held in jail on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon in a car.

Troopers said they stopped Hellingstine in a car on Second street in Niles at 12:20 a.m. and confiscated a .22 caliber revolver from the front seat. The car was stopped after the Niles post received a complaint and description of a car.

Ecologist Still Supports Ban On Phosphates

Mrs. Botts criticized I & M for its law suit against the federal government. I & M is attempting to prevent adoption of proposed industrial discharge standards that could mean cooling towers for the Cook plant. She also said citizens in this area should become active in an interest to save the lake.

I & M filed its suit July 20, in Federal District court, Washington, D.C. The suit challenges standards laid down by the federal Environmental Protection agency, headed by William D. Ruckelshaus. The suit contends that the order attempts to set up engineering standards, instead of standards under the Federal Water Pollution Act. Ruckelshaus is named defendant in the suit.

Citing water cooling towers, I & M officials reported earlier that they, along with related

A-Plants Not Threat --Scientist

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — An environmental scientist says marine plants adapt better to changes in water temperature than has been thought, reducing the possibility of ecological damage by hot water from coastal power-plants.

Dr. Wheeler North of the California Institute of Technology is studying all species of marine plants living off the California coast.

Though an increase in the temperature of the water means some types of plant die out, others thrive to take their place, he says.

Environmentalists have attacked proposed power plants as thermal polluters capable of causing irreparable harm to offshore life.

"The warm spots will never cause deserts in the sea," North says.

About half the plants he studied, he said in a report issued over the weekend, "may be able to maintain themselves at higher or lower temperatures than those in which they were found."

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sept. 20 State Police Count
This year, 1,471.
Last year 1,539.

Eight From SJ, Six From Niles

Area Has 18 Merit Semifinalists

Eighteen high school seniors from southwestern Michigan are among 15,000 of the nation's top students named as semifinalists in the 1971-72 National Merit Scholarship competition.

They will go on to compete for about 3,000 Merit scholarships to be awarded next spring.

The semifinalists were the highest scorers in their state on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test given in February to more than 655,000 students in about 16,600 schools around the country. They represent less than one percent of the country's graduating high school seniors.

Eight of the 18 southwestern Michigan semifinalists attend St. Joseph high school. Six

attend Niles high school. There is a semifinalist at each of these high schools: Benton Harbor, Lakeshore, Hartford, and South Haven.

Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit scholarship corporation, said the semifinalists are representative of the country's most intellectually able young people. "From this group will come many future leaders in business, industry and the professions," he said.

Semifinalists must advance to finalist standing to be considered for the Merit scholarships awarded next spring. They become finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools, repeating their performance in a second examination and by providing information about their achievements and interests.

About 98 per cent of the semifinalists are expected to become finalists, who will then be considered for National Merit \$1,000 scholarships and for four-year Merit scholarships, each worth up to \$1,500 a year.

The semifinalists from this area are:

LAURIE J. GRAY, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Gray of 2014 Valley View drive, St. Joseph. She is senior at St. Joseph high school, where she participates in the Girls Athletic association, Medical Careers club, Theatrics, French club and yearbook staff. She plans to enroll in nursing at the University of Michigan.

CHARLES GREIM, 17, is a senior at St. Joseph high, where he belongs to the science and math clubs and is a former band member. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Greim of 2308 Niles avenue, St. Joseph. He is making plans to attend Kalamazoo college and major in some field of science.

GREGORY B. LADEWSKI, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Ladewski of 1215 Wolcott, St. Joseph plays cello in the Twin Cities Symphony orchestra and is a member of the St. Joseph high school orchestra. He is a member also of the science, French and math clubs and the National Honor society. He is considering enrolling at the University of Michigan in social or political science.

DEBRA L. LAMBRECHT, 18, plans to pursue her interest in music by enrolling in music education at Concordia Lutheran Junior college in Ann Arbor. At St. Joseph high school, she is a member of the choir, math club, Theatrics and Future Teachers club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Lambrecht, 2525 Lakeview, St. Joseph.

DAVID J. LANGE, 18, belongs to the science and math clubs at St. Joseph high school, where he is a senior. He plans to specialize in science at Michigan State university. He is the son of Judge and Mrs. Ronald H. Lange of 3382 Washington avenue, St. Joseph.

KATHERINE MCKNIGHT, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKnight of 2323 Niles avenue, St. Joseph. A senior at St. Joseph high school, she participates in the math club, National Honor Society, Girls Athletic association and French club. She plays violin in the Kalamazoo junior symphony and is a member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) swim team. She plans to attend the University of Michigan.

EDWARD F. PRESTON, 17, is a tackle in the Bears football team. Among other activities at St. Joseph high school he participates in the Letter-S club, math club and National Honor society. He is considering Purdue university or the University of Michigan to study aerospace engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Preston Jr. of 2700 Morton, St. Joseph.

CHRISTINE STEPOFF, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stepoff of 502 Highland, St. Joseph, is a member of the Medical Careers club and the art club at St. Joseph high school where she is a senior. She plans to enroll in a pre-medical program at the University of Michigan.

MARIE C. PRESTON, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iris Preston, 1024 McAllister, Benton Harbor, and the late Donald Preston, is a senior at Benton Harbor high school and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor society, and a staff writer for the "Tiger" newspaper. She has tentative plans to attend Western Michigan university as a major in some area of science.

ROBERT C. MURPHY, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Murphy of 5978 James drive, Stevensville. He transferred to Lakeshore high from North Kansas City high in February. He plays trumpet in the band and is considering a career in electrical engineering. He is investigating the University of Michigan and Michigan Technological university at Houghton for enrollment next fall.

C. DIANE THOMAS, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas, 15 South Haver street, Hartford, is a member of the National Honor society at Hartford high school. She plans to attend Harding college, Seabury, Ark., and major in business and psychology.

MARVIN L. BUCKNER, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buckner of 401 St. Joseph street, South Haven, plans to major in electrical engineering at either Western Michigan university or Michigan Technological university. He is participating in L. C. Mohr high school's co-op program, working part-time at a South Haven department store. He moved to South Haven with his family from Grand Haven a year ago.

NANCY K. BAIR, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bair, 1805 Broadway, Niles, is a member of the Niles high school band and chess club. She plans to attend the University of Michigan to major in mathematics.

MARY E. CAMP, 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Camp of 309 South Barrett street, Niles. Among her activities at Niles high school, she is treasurer of the concert choir, secretary-treasurer of the National Honor society, sales manager of the school yearbook, a member of the editorial staff of the school newspaper and participated in the school production of "My Fair Lady." Still uncertain about a college, she hopes to follow her interests in history and music.

ERIC V. HOWE, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Howe, 1455 Ottawa Trail, Niles, is a member of National Honor society, president of the Niles high school choir, and French club. He plans to attend a music school and to make a career in music.

DAVID R. SCHULTZ, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Schultz, 2275 Maple Lane, Niles, is a member of the Niles high school band, stage band, pep band, pit band, chess club and Latin club. He plans to work in

the field of computers. **JAY C. SKALLA, 17**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Skalla, 215 South St. Joseph avenue, Niles, is a member of the football and wrestling teams

and Latin club. He plans to attend University of Michigan. **THOMAS D. STAUFFER, 16**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Stauffer, 904 Tomahawk, Niles, is a member of student senate,

the tennis team, the Niles high school choir and ski club. He plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Oberlin college to major in science or mathematics.



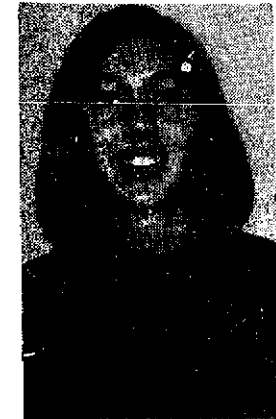
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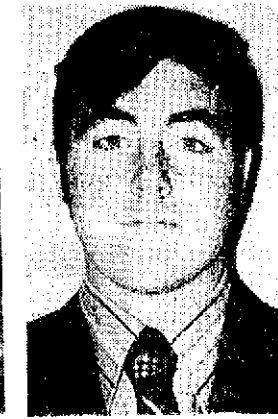
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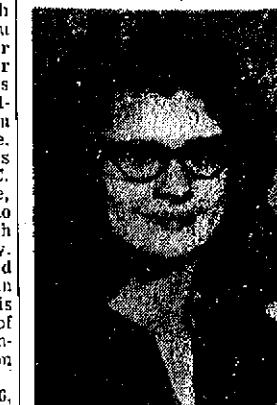
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GM Scholarship Is Awarded To Bangor Resident

BANGOR—Leonard J. Hanko, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hanko, of route 2, Bangor, is the winner of a General Motors scholarship awarded by Michigan State university.

The scholarship is one of three valued at \$1,800 a year. It was awarded on the basis of Alumni Distinguished scholarship tests given by the university last February.

Hanko has enrolled at Michigan State, where he is taking courses in secondary education, majoring in chemistry. He was

valuedictorian of the 1971 class at Eau Claire high school where he earned a 3.93 grade point average.

He was a member of the high school track and cross country teams, president of the student council for two years, president of the chess club, a member of the math-science club, the bowling team, varsity club and statistician for the basketball and football teams.

He was the winner of a geometry award in the state competitive scholarship testing.



LEONARD J. HANKO

Union Pier Won't Be A Village

UNION PIER — Labeling the outcome too costly, members of the Union Pier Property Owners association last night abandoned efforts to incorporate the community into a village.

The decision was unanimous among 45 members of the association meeting in the New Buffalo township hall.

Mrs. Garth Gernack, president, reported a consensus among the association's officers that incorporation would not be financially feasible. She pointed in particular to the cost of electing and paying salaries of officials.

In other action, members elected Dr. Raymond Pierce and Mrs. Edward Kliss to replace the late Frank Bard and Gene Robinson on the board of directors.

The civil action committee was reorganized. Named as members were George Ghareeb, chairman; Mrs. Pauline Maller; Sam Wiggins; Anthony Klimawicz and Agnida Karalis.

The association voted to meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 8 p.m. in the township hall.

Allegan Hearing Slated In State Welfare Probe

State Rep. Bela Kennedy (R-Bangor) announced Tuesday that a House subcommittee investigating welfare will take testimony from southwestern Michigan residents at a public hearing next Monday at 2 p.m. in Griswold auditorium, Allegan.

"There has been so much discussion about the skyrocketing cost of welfare and its attendant services that the House of Representatives asked that such a committee be appointed to investigate the reason for such costs," he said.

"I feel that it is very important that anyone who has any information regarding use, lack of use or misuse of welfare funds should appear at this hearing and present the facts which they have."

"Please do not come to present only hearsay. The committee wants facts and figure, but will also welcome listeners." The subcommittee is chaired by Rep. David S. Holmes, Jr. (D-Detroit). Kennedy said. Other hearings are scheduled in Genesee, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Trailer Home Burns; Man, 60, Dies In Fire

FARGO, Mich. (AP) — Clyde Starks, 60, died in a fire which destroyed his trailer home outside this northern St. Clair County community Tuesday night.

Robert Lee Starks Sr., the victim's step-brother, said he discovered the tragedy at the rear of his home in Greenwood Township when he awoke today. He said the fire had not awakened him during the night.

They Want Progress Report

COVERT —A luncheon meeting with officials of Consumers Power Co., owners of the \$125 million nuclear plant here, has been called by the Founders '69 Inc. for noon Thursday at the nuclear plant.

Mrs. Penelope Boston, president of the citizens organization, requested that the president of the utility, James Campbell, attend in a telegram sent to the firm today.

Mrs. Carmen Smith, a spokeswoman for the citizens organization, said the purpose of the session is to find out when the plant is going to be put into operation and why it has taken so long to get it started.

Mrs. Smith said the Rev. Albert Samsom, a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), members of the SCLC staff, the Martin Luther King planning board, the school board planning group and Coverd township supervisor Jerry Sarno are to attend.

PRESSING AHEAD According to Mrs. Smith, the meeting will be held whether a representative of the firm is present or not.

Activation of the Palisades plant has been held up for more than a year by the federal Atomic Energy commission (AEC) because of objections raised by conservationists over possible ecological damage and because of new federal guidelines on pollution control.

Begun in 1967, the plant was to have been in operation by 1970. Low-power testing to determine if the equipment is ready for use has been carried out.

Prospects of starting the plant soon appeared to receive their latest setback earlier this month when the AEC was ordered to review proposed new control guidelines before issuing any licenses.

Threat Lessens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says the threat of Southern leaf blight to this year's corn crop has subsided enough to cancel further weekly reports on progress of the disease.

The weekly reports on blight were issued each Wednesday since early May when uncertainties existed over how much damage the disease would do to this year's crop.

Berrien 4-H Cookie Sale Opens Oct. 2

The annual Berrien county 4-H cookie sale will be held Oct. 2 through Oct. 6, according to Harry Kurlberg, president of the 4-H Leaders association.

The sale will be conducted door to door by over 2,000 4-H club members throughout the county. Purpose of the sale is to raise funds for local club and county 4-H programs, awards and activities.

There will be six varieties of cookies offered for sale at 50 cents per package. The cookies are baked by Ann Dale Products of Boston, Mass.

Co-chairmen of the cookie sale are Mrs. George Bennett of Berrien Springs and Mrs. Robert Cleht of New Troy.